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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 BEFORE THE  
 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**ORIGINAL**

Avista Corporation )  
 The Bonneville Power Administration )  
 Idaho Power Company )  
 The Montana Power Company )  
 Nevada Power Company )  
 PacifiCorp )  
 Portland General Electric Company )  
 Puget Sound Energy, Inc. )  
 Sierra Pacific Power Company )

Docket No. RT01-35-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF  
DESERET GENERATION & TRANSMISSION CO-OPERATIVE, INC.**

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.212 and 385.214, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. ("Deseret") submits its motion to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of its motion, Deseret states as follows:

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## II. DESCRIPTION OF DESERET AND ITS OPERATIONS

Deseret is a not-for-profit generation and transmission electric cooperative formed by its six distribution cooperative members in the late 1970s. Since 1985 Deseret has operated as a fully taxable entity. As a result of a restructuring of Deseret's financial obligations in late 1996 which eliminated Deseret's existing Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") debt, Deseret became a FERC-jurisdictional public utility on October 16, 1996. Deseret provides requirements power supply and related services to its six member cooperatives located in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona. Deseret's members are: Bridger Valley Electric Association, Dixie-Escalante Rural Electric Association, Inc., Flowell Electric Association, Inc., Garkane Power Association, Moon Lake Electric Association, and Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc.

Deseret's generation resources consist of the following: (1) a 96.25 percent ownership interest in Bonanza I, a 465 MW (net winter) coal-fired steam-electric generating unit located in Uintah County, Utah; and (2) a 25.108 percent ownership interest in Hunter II, a 430 MW (net) coal-fired steam-electric generating unit operated by PacifiCorp located in Emery County, Utah. Deseret also owns and operates a very small hydro-electric project associated with the Bonanza I facilities. Deseret uses power produced from these resources in part to meet the requirements of its members. In addition, Deseret makes wholesale sales to several entities including Aquila Energy, Constellation Power Source, Arizona Public Service Company, Public Service Company of Colorado (a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc.), Idaho Power Company, PacifiCorp, the City of Anaheim, California, the City of Riverside, California, Utah Municipal Power Agency, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, and Enron Power.

Deseret depends on other utilities, namely PacifiCorp, the Western Area Power Administration, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, for transmission services to deliver the output of Deseret's generation resources to meet the full requirements of five of its six

members.<sup>1/</sup> Deseret's own transmission system consists of four lines which interconnect the Bonanza I facility with the surrounding grid and with the system of one member, Moon Lake Electric Association. The four lines owned and operated by Deseret are: (1) the Bonanza-Mona 345 kV line, (2) the Bonanza-Upalco 138 kV line, (3) the Bonanza-Rangely 138 kV line, and (4) the Bonanza-Vernal 138 kV line. In total, these facilities represent approximately 750 MW of transfer capability and 275 miles of transmission line. Deseret submitted an open access transmission tariff in compliance with Order No. 888-A in Docket No. OA97-487-000. Deseret's open access tariff was accepted for filing by the Commission in February, 1999.<sup>2/</sup>

Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. ("BME"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deseret, operates the Deserado coal mine near Rangely, Colorado. The sole market for Deserado's coal is the Bonanza I facility. BME also operates a 35-mile electric railway to transport the coal from the Deserado Mine to Bonanza I. The railway and the mine are used solely to support Deseret's generation resource, Bonanza I. The site for Deseret's Bonanza I facility has been permitted for the construction of an additional unit. Deseret issued a request for proposals for the development of the second unit by a third party in January, 1999. Currently, Deseret is in discussions with one or more parties regarding potential development of additional generation at the Bonanza site.

As a FERC-jurisdictional public utility, Deseret made its Order No. 2000 compliance filing on October 16, 2000.<sup>3/</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Deseret serves one of its members, Moon Lake Electric Association, through use of its own transmission facilities.

<sup>2</sup> *Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, et al.*, Docket Nos. OA97-156-001, et al. (February, 1999).

<sup>3</sup> See, *Deseret Generation and Transmission Co-operative, Inc.*, FERC Docket No. RT01-65-000.

### III. MOTION TO INTERVENE

On October 23, 2000, Avista Corporation, the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Power Company, The Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. and Sierra Pacific Power Company (collectively, the "Filing Utilities") filed a "Supplemental Compliance Filing and Request for Declaratory Order Pursuant to Order 2000." The Filing Utilities state that the filing describes a proposal to form the RTO West, a regional transmission organization, that complies with the requirements of the Commission's Order No. 2000. The Filing Utilities also seek an expedited declaratory order from the Commission that certain aspects of the proposal, including the proposed governance documents and the scope and configuration of RTO West, are in accordance with applicable requirements under Order 2000.

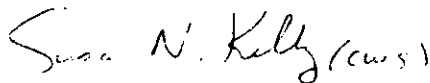
As a FERC-jurisdictional public utility within the footprint of the proposed RTO West, Deseret has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Its interests cannot be represented by any other party, and participation in this proceeding will serve the public interest. Deseret accordingly requests that the Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding, as provided by Rule 214.

Deseret is currently evaluating the RTO West proposal, and therefore reserves the right to supplement this motion with additional comments and/or by filing a protest pursuant to the Commission's Regulations.

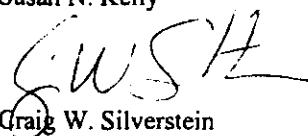
**IV. CONCLUSION**

Deseret respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to intervene as a party in this proceeding, with all rights appropriate to that status.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 8th day of November, 2000.



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